



Iowa Department of  
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Director's Office

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Mollie K. Anderson, Director

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Department Directors & Elected Officials  
**FR:** Mollie Anderson  
**RE:** **New Energy Savings Strategy**

In accordance with Governor Culver's Executive Order 6, the Energy Management division of DAS/General Services Enterprise will be implementing new temperature control policies throughout the Iowa State Capitol Complex.

Currently, the temperature set points throughout the complex vary from building to building. In the near future, however, we will be implementing an energy savings strategy which will consist of turning up the set points in the summer to a fixed value of 78 degrees Fahrenheit ( $\pm 3$  degrees) and down in the winter to 68 degrees Fahrenheit ( $\pm 3$  degrees). While this measure alone will result in considerable energy savings, the comfort level will be affected. With this in mind, we will make the transition slowly – 1 degree Fahrenheit a week - until the 78 degree Fahrenheit set point is reached for the summer and the 68 degree Fahrenheit set point is reached for the winter. This gradual transition will hopefully minimize any discomfort.

Night setback for all buildings will consist of turning air handling units off until the temperature in the space reaches 85 degrees Fahrenheit (summer) and 62 degrees Fahrenheit (winter). Fan coil units will be managed on the same basis as the air handling units and exhaust fans will be shut down, as well.

The new night setback temperatures will not be implemented in areas where cooler air is required (IT, medical supplies, etc.).

We will also be implementing new measures to save energy by adjusting lighting. Lights throughout the complex will now have a workday 'schedule' of 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Task lighting will need to be used when working outside of these parameters. A special, pre-approved lighting request must be made to operate general lighting outside of this range.

By implementing energy control strategies such as these, we will all be contributing to the overall goal of reducing the State of Iowa's usage of power, saving taxpayers millions of dollars over the years to come.

If you have questions regarding this new energy conservation policy, contact Ken Thornton at 242-5123 or [ken.thornton@iowa.gov](mailto:ken.thornton@iowa.gov).